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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and a consideration of the response on the merits. This Amendment and Response is believed to be timely because it is being filed before the one month deadline of February 15, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims:

Reflected in the listing of claims beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments:

Begin on page 4 of this paper.